

REMARKS**I. Response to Claim Objections:**

At page 3, item 3, claims 9-13 and 24-30 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the objection, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 11, and claim 11 has been canceled.

The Applicants have also amended claim 18 to include the limitations of claim 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24. Claims 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 have been canceled.

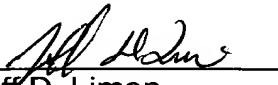
Accordingly, the Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable. In the even that the Examiner requires any further amendments due to a continuing rejection, please contact the Applicants agent at the number below so the case can be passed to issue as soon as possible.

II. Additional Fees:

It is not believed that additional fees are due at this time; however, if any additional fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

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